

Everything is
under one sky

IN A
WORD,
HE WAS
BORING.

I HAD
MY FIRST
IMPRESSION
OF HIM AT
A MIXER.

ALL RIGHT,
SHIBA-YAN!
GO, GO,
TAKE IT
OFF!

HA
HA
HA!

IT WAS
A SMALL
EVENT
THAT HAD
STARTED
OFF
PRETTY
PEACE-
FULLY.

IT WAS AT
A CHEAP
LITTLE BAR
BY THE TRAIN
STATION,
WHERE ONLY
ONE OR TWO
BUSES
STOPPED
PER HOUR.

WAS
THAT
ALL I
NEED-
ED TO
SAY?!

OH,
YOU
GIRLS
ARE SO
CUTE!

I JUST
WANT TO
PICK YOU
UP AND
TAKE YOU
HOME!

WITHIN
THIRTY
MINUTES,
ALL OF THE
GIRLS HAD
GOTTEN
BORED,

AND THE
MIXER
TURNED
INTO US
LISTENING
TO THE GUYS
RAMBLE
ON AND ON.

I
wasn't
listening
to anything
and just eating

sigh...
I JUST
WANNA
GO
HOME...

SIX MONTHS LATER, HE HAD AN ACCIDENT AND FELL FROM THE 19TH STORY OF A BUILDING.

FOR SOME REASON

I FELT IN LOVE WITH HIM.

WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE.

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I WANT SOMETHING TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM HERE.

THAT'S WHY

Might as well eat

THIS IS CRAP...

...SORRY, MINAE.

IT'S OKAY.

...YOU SAID THESE GUYS WORK IN CONSTRUCTION?

Want a soybean?

Yeah.

I think so.

WELL, MY WHOLE LIFE HAS SEEMED LIKE A WASTE SO FAR.

I WANT SOMEONE WHO'S MORE LIKE...

...BUT I DON'T WANT SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

...UHHH,

...BUT

CAN I SAY SOMETHING REALLY COOL?

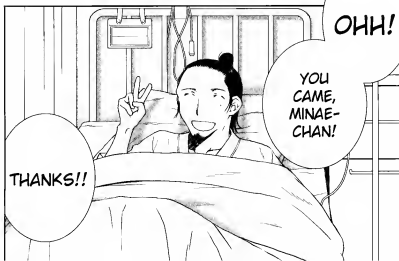
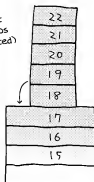
HEY!

UH, SURE.
(monotone)

The city's most
expensive condos
(being constructed)

WELL,
HE FELL
FROM THE
19TH
STORY...

TO THE
18TH.

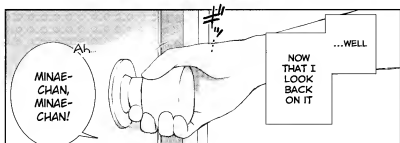
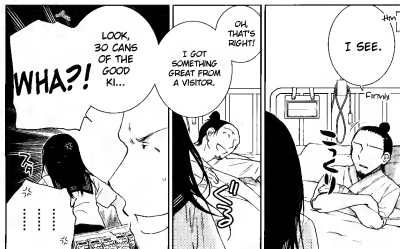


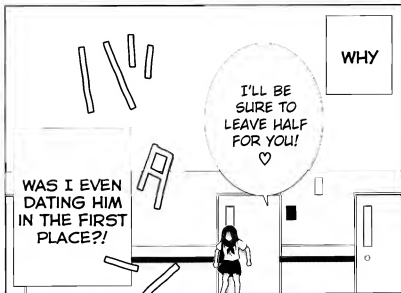
THANKS!!

OHH!

YOU
CAME,
MINAE-
CHAN!

















NOW THAT
I LOOK
BACK
ON IT

I SHOULD
HAVE GIVEN
HIM THE
COMEDIC
REACTION
I THOUGHT
HE WAS
LOOKING
FOR.

OH,
ALSO,

THE WAY
YOU USED
YOUR CHOP-
STICKS WAS
REALLY CUTE!

AND
ALSO...

I STOPPED
THINKING
ABOUT
EVERYTHING

AND
SOMEHOW,
HE SEDUCED ME.

I
LOVED...

THE WAY
YOU WERE
EATING YOUR
SOYBEANS
WITH SUCH
DILIGENCE!



WHY DON'T
WE GO ON
A DATE?



...WAIT





I REMEMBER

IT'S SOMETHING I THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

WOW!

MOMMY, DADDY!



BUT...

...OTHER THAN THAT, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT...

THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS THAT I DON'T CARE ABOUT.



WHEN I WAS TEN, I WENT TO TOKYO FOR THE FIRST TIME.

OH! LOOK AT THAT! I WANNA GO ON IT!

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE AND SHOPS!

WOW!! IT'S SO COOL!!



Yay!

...HUH?

BUT THEN ONE OF MY RELATIVE'S KIDS SAID TO ME

...HEY.

EVERYTHING WAS BIG AND NEW TO ME

You're
weird!

...AND

THEY'RE
EVERYWHERE,
YOU KNOW.

WHAT'S
SO FUN
ABOUT A
PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE?

YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
WHERE YOU
LIVE?

...HUH?

LIAR, LIAR,
PANTS ON
FIRE!

THE
FIRST
TIME
SINCE
I WAS
BORN
THAT I
HAD...

...WELL,
IT WAS
REALLY

HUH?
WHAT?

...WELL,
THERE
WERE
PLENTY
OF THINGS
LIKE THAT,
BUT...

OR THAT
PEOPLE
SAID THEY
READ THE
NEWS-
PAPER'S
TV COLUMN
"END TO
END"

I HAD
THOUGHT
THAT IT WAS
WEIRD THAT
THE STATION
SCHEDULE
WAS SO
FULL



I WAS SHOCK-
ED.

THAT THE
THINGS THAT
I THOUGHT
WERE "AMAZING"
WERE THINGS
NOBODY ELSE
THOUGHT WERE
AMAZING.

THAT
WAS THE
MOMENT
WHEN I
REALIZED



AH,
BUT...

I CAN ONLY
GET THERE
BY CAR...
WHY DO I
FEEL LIKE
I'VE LOST!?

I think
I saw
it on
TV!

...WAIT,
WASN'T
THERE...

A BIG
SHOPPING
MALL BUILT
AROUND HERE
LATELY...



AND
ONE
DAY,
I'D
SHOW
THEM
ALL.

I COULDN'T
LIVE A LIFE
WHERE OTHERS
WOULD MAKE
FUN OF ME.

THAT'S
WHY,
BACK
THEN,
I DECID-
ED

I HATE
MYSELF...



I'M GOING
TO LIVE IT
THE WAY
I WANT.

I ONLY
GET ONE
SHOT AT
LIFE.

HOLD
ME
BACK.

I WON'T
LET MY
FAMILY
OR MY
TOWN



...SO
WHEN IT
COMES TO
LOVE...

...THAT'S
WHAT

I WANT
TO DO...



NN!

NN!

...AND
THAT'S
HOW I'VE
LIVED
UNTIL
NOW.

THAT'S
HOW I'VE
THOUGHT

...BUT.



...UM, AH.

...I USED TO HAVE A CAT BACK WHEN I WAS LITTLE,



MAYBE
IT WAS
BECAUSE...
HE DIDN'T
REALLY LOOK
SUSPICIOUS.

WHY DON'T
WE START OFF
WITH A DATE
RIGHT NOW?!

...I WAS
INTER-
ESTED

IN WHO
HE REALLY
WAS.

...SO?

ARE YOU
LISTENING
TO ME?!

You know
what I
love?

YEAH!

THE CONVENIENCE
STORE NEXT DOOR

OH,
MINAE-CHAN,
LOOK, THESE
ONIGIRI ARE
100 YEN EACH!

THIS
IS YOUR
DATE?





I'VE...

SO I WAS
THINKING
TO MYSELF,
MAYBE THAT
COULD
HAPPEN!

REALLY
FALLEN
HARD
FOR YOU,
MINAE-
CHAN!



...WAIT.

I STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

WHAT IT IS
ABOUT ME
THAT'S MADE
HIM "FALL"
FOR ME...



...SOUNDS
LIKE AN
EASY
JOB.

JUST,
IF IT RAINS,
WE DON'T
HAVE TO
GO TO
WORK.

OH,
SORRY.

HUH?
NOT
REALLY.

ARE YOU
TRYING
TO GET
THINGS TO
PROGRESS
"NORMA-
LLY" OR -

OH,
SHIT,
IT'S
RAINING.

HEY!

LIS-
TEN
TO
ME!



...OH,

I'M
SORR-

NO,
BUT I
LOVE IT,
SO I TOOK
THE JOB!

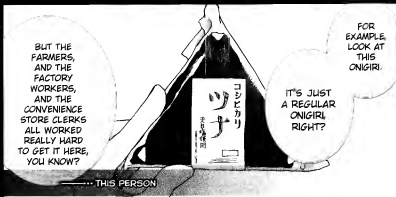
AND,
MINAE-
CHAN,



ONE
WRONG
STEP
AND
YOU'RE
DEAD.

AND IF
THERE'S
AN ACCIDENT
YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO
LEAVE.

SO IF IT'S
RAINING OR
WINDY, WE
GET A LITTLE
NERVOUS.
IT'S NOT SO
EASY, YOU
KNOW?



BUT THE
FARMERS,
AND THE
FACTORY
WORKERS,
AND THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE CLERKS
ALL WORKED
REALLY HARD
TO GET IT HERE,
YOU KNOW?

FOR
EXAMPLE,
LOOK AT
THIS
ONIGIRI.

IT'S JUST
A REGULAR
ONIGIRI,
RIGHT?

... THIS PERSON



...THIS PERSON IS A LITTLE WEIRD.



AND
BEGAN

TO
EAT HIS
100 YEN
CONVEN-
IENCE
STORE
ONIGIRI

AS IF IT
WAS THE
MOST
DELICIOUS
THING IN
THE WORLD.

SALMON
OR CHEESE
FLAVOR,
WHICH DO
YOU WANT?

YOU DIDN'T
EAT MUCH AT
THE RESTAU-
RANT BEFORE,
RIGHT?

...
CHEESE...

OKAY!

Looks
so good!

I DON'T
WA...

MINAE-
CHAN,
YOU WANT
SOME
TOO?

...YOU'RE
REALLY
GOING
AT IT,
HUH.



...BUT

...HE
WAS
SO
WEIRD



super
serious

MMN,
WHEN I'M
EATING,
I DON'T
TALK AT
ALL.



...FOR
WHAT?

...SORRY,
MINAE-
CHAN.



...HA
HA!

SOME-
HOW



I STARTED
LAUGHING.

SHOULD
WE GO
BACK TO
WHAT WE
WERE
DOING?

HUH?



AHH

DON'T
WORRY,
DON'T
WORRY.



OH, COME ON,
DON'T YOU
THINK WE'VE
UNDERSTOOD
EACH OTHER
NOW?

MINAE-
CHAN,
YOU
DON'T?

YEAH!

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
THAT?!

REA-
LLY?!





...A-
AND,
WELL...

WE GOT
INTO A
FIGHT
ABOUT
USING
CONDOMS...



YOU KNOW,
I'VE HAD
TWO BOY-
FRIENDS
BEFORE,
OKAY?

AND
I'VE
BEEN
TO A
HOTEL
BEFORE.

YEAH
YEAH?

YEAH?



AND WE
BROKE
UP...

BEFORE
WE DID
ANYTHING,
I PUNCHED
HIM...



...AH



...pff





...HUH?

MINAE-
CHAN,
YOU'RE
SO
BRAVE!!

HA!
HA!
HA!



...EER,
WELL,
IF YOU
INSIST,

THEN I
WON'T.

...HE'S
SO
WEIRD.

...NO,
YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO...

...HUH?

OH,
BUT I'M
STILL 20
years old,
you
know ☆

YOUNG
PEOPLE
THESE
DAYS
SURE
GET
VIOLENT.

AND,
JUST SO
YOU KNOW,
I'LL DEF-
INITELY
PUT ONE
ON!



OUT
OF ALL THE
GIRLS I'VE MET,
YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO SEEMED THE
MOST NATURAL
AROUND ME,

I DON'T
KNOW IF
IT'LL EVEN
WORK OUT,
BUT...

OR IF
WE'LL BE
COMFORTABLE
TOGETHER,

I DON'T
KNOW IF
WE'LL HAVE
THINGS TO
TALK ABOUT,

...NO,



GO
OUT
WITH...

SO
WOULD
YOU...



...I'M WEIRD, TOO.



...I DON'T KNOW.



REALLY MESSED UP

...I HAD
THOUGHT
THAT IT WAS
ALL KIND OF
A GAMBLE.

I MIGHT
JUST PASS HIM
BY AFTER THIS.

GH!

AH,

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
READY,
SO,
UH...

L...

I'M
O...

...KAY.

I'M
SURE,
BUT...

I,

I'M
SURE

...HE'S
LIKE
THIS
WITH
OTHER
WOMEN,
TOO.



K-
KEEP
GOING.

I MEAN

WHEN

I'M
WITH
HIM



...UM,
UH...

...OH.
OKAY.



...THANKS
FOR...

BELIE-
VING
ME.

ehe

...THAT'S RIGHT,
EVEN IF THIS
ENDS UP FAILING

JUST LIKE
I WANTED
BEFORE

AND LIVE
HOWEVER
I WANT TO

...I'LL
FALL IN
LOVE WITH
WHOEVER
I WANT

IF I JUST
PRETEND THIS
DIDN'T HAPPEN

THE ONLY
THING I'D
THROW AWAY
WOULD BE HIM

BUT...



HUH?
WELL,
I KNEW
YOU WERE
WAITING
FOR ME,

Meeting up
(at the store)

It's
weird

W-WHY
ARE YOU
PANTING
SO HARD...?

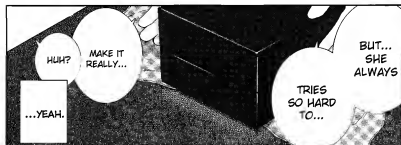
AND...

I WANTED
YOU TO BE
THE FIRST
PERSON I
TOLD!

...I WAS
SUR-
PRISED
TO SEE

THAT
HE

HADN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL
AFTER
THAT







I'M
SURE I'LL
REGRET IT
ONE DAY

I MEAN,
IT'S NOT
EVEN THE
RELATION-
SHIP I
ALWAYS
WANTED.



IT MIGHT
BE POINT-
LESS
AFTER
ALL.



HE'S
AN
IDIOT,

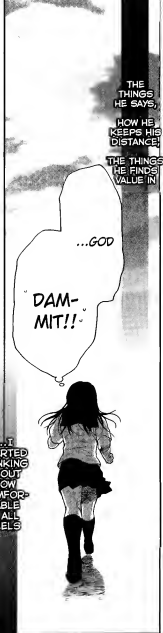
AND A
PERV,

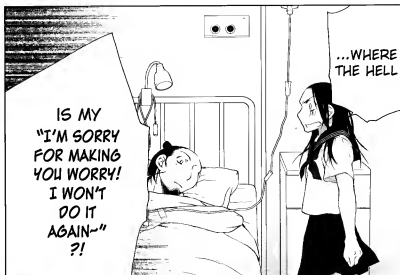
AND
PAIN-
STAKINGLY
HONEST
ABOUT
EVERY
LITTLE
THING,

AND HE
CAN'T
KEEP A
SECRET,

...AND
HE'S
AN
IDIOT.

BUT







THE
INCREDIBLE
DELICIOUSNESS
OF ONIGIRI...

...IS
WHAT'S
IMPOR-
TANT.

WHEN
I'M
WITH
YOU

I CAN
SEE SO
MANY MORE
WONDERFUL
THINGS.



...PART

YOU'RE
RIGHT.
I MEAN,
I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
WATCHING MY
STEP AND...

OH!
NURSE!!

Ahh,
Sorry,
Minse-
chan~

Oh, my

WHAT
...?

...

